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Applicants: K.T. Gallo et al. Attorney Docket No.: MSFT121165

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Title: INTEGRATION OF MEDIA PLAYBACK COMPONENTS WITH AN
INDEPENDENT TIMING SPECIFICATION



RESPONSE

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be reexamined.

The Office Action mailed on March 24, 2005 ("Office Action"), rejected Claims 1-34, 37-51, and 53-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Jensen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,834,371) (hereinafter "Jensen"). The Office Action further rejected Claims 35, 36, and 52 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jensen.

After carefully considering the Office Action, for the reasons hereinafter set forth, applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of the claims, in view of the teachings of the cited reference, should be withdrawn and this application be allowed.

Prior to discussing in detail why applicants believe that all of the claims in the application are allowable over the applied references, a brief description of applicants' invention and the cited references is provided. The following discussions of the disclosed embodiments of applicants' invention and the teachings of the applied references are not provided to define the scope or interpretation of any of applicants' claims. Instead, such discussed differences are provided to help the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office better appreciate important claim distinctions discussed thereafter.

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